

City Newsletter

SPRING
2021

Michael J. Roy Retires After 16 Years Serving as City Manager

The Waterville City Council recently recognized Mike Roy for his 16 years of service and has designated a conference room within City Hall to be named the Michael J. Roy Conference Room. We asked Mike for some of his parting thoughts as he prepares to leave on July 1.



In his words... *"I want to begin by saying how honored I am to have a space in City Hall with my name on it. I started in October 2004 and that seems like an eternity ago. Back then there was no City Manager position. I was the City Administrator and the City attorney reminded me often that, based on the City Charter at the time, I was nothing more than the 'Mayor's underling'."*

We laughed about that and I soon learned that having a sense of humor is essential to staying happy in the position. I think that could apply to all of us.

I am grateful to have worked alongside many of you during my time here. Government at all levels, but especially at the local level, has a critically important role to play in people's daily lives. People come and go but the task remains the same - providing excellent customer service in the most cost efficient manner possible. I have to say how impressed I have been over time to witness your dedication and loyalty.

Let's continue to do our part in providing this service to all our citizens."

The City of Waterville thanks Mike for his service to our community these past 16 years!!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

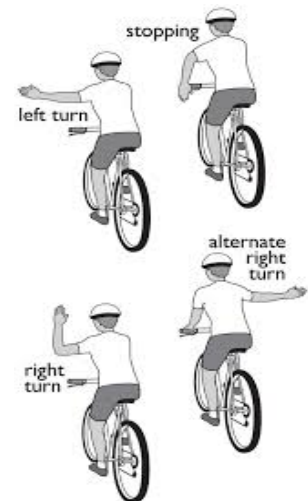
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MEMORIAL DAY**



May is National Bike Month

During National Bike Month, cycling enthusiasts across the country celebrate the many benefits of cycling.

- ♦ [The League of American Bicyclists](#), which advocates for a "Bicycle Friendly America," sponsors Bike Month each year.
- ♦ The 32-page [National Bike Month Guide](#) has everything you need to plan a Bike Month event in your community.
- ♦ The League's [Ride Smart program](#) also is a great resource for educational videos, classes, tips and other information



For a list of upcoming, local events, check out the event schedule on our web site's home page at www.waterville-me.gov.

SUMMER PROGRAMS PLANNED @ QUARRY ROAD 2021

Summer Running Series: Trail running race series for the community from mid June through mid August. Race distances alternate each week between 3, 5, and 8k.

Mountain Bike Race Series: This will be our second year hosting the race series.

Quarry Road Ski Club Summer Training: Dryland training for High School athletes. Program includes strength training, running, rollerskiing, hiking, and biking.

Children's Discovery Museum Summer Camp: The Children's Discovery Museum will be holding 2 one week camps at Quarry Road this summer where their students will be engaged in a variety of outdoor learning activities.

FMI regarding Quarry Road Trails programming: jfereshetian@waterville-me.gov

And finally.. It's time to Play Ball! Softball is back in Waterville. We're happy to have two youth teams, 8 men's league, and 12 co-ed hitting the fields soon. Also, be looking for youth and adult tournaments throughout the summer.



NEWS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION

Happy Spring everyone, from Parks & Recreation!

The early, relatively dry Spring has given us a great opportunity to get out and begin clean-up at our parks, trails, ballfield's, gardens, boat launches, courts, and playgrounds. The Department maintains more than 800 acres of public space. This includes Pine Grove Cemetery, Quarry Road Trails, Riverwalk, and the schools.



Municipal Pool

We're happy to report that the Alford Municipal Pool is scheduled to open June 19th. Over the past two years, the facility has undergone major renovations including new slides, kiddie pool, and shade structure. The main pool itself has been rebuilt, including new pumps, water lines, and filtration systems. The bathhouse has been updated to meet ADA compliance. The season may bring some challenges with social distancing guidelines but through careful planning, we'll meet the challenge and look forward to seeing families and children enjoy this special place.

Quarry Road News

Quarry Road continues to grow and evolve. The City was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Maine Department of Conservation. Funds will be used this summer to improve our multi-use trails and update signage. Also, the Friends of Quarry Road (501 c 3 non-profit group) also secured a grant for design and permitting services for further development of the facilities. It will build on our 2017 Master Plan that created a future vision for Quarry Road as a multi-season recreational facility and valued community resource. Continuing the design and permitting helps take the project a significant step closer to implementation.

Please contact Parks & Recreation at 207-680-4744 or

parks@waterville-me.gov with all inquiries

PUBLIC WORKS



If you like construction projects, roads, and buildings, you could not be in a better place – wow! The City certainly has a lot going on this summer, downtown, and throughout. While private contractors are responsible for many of the projects, Public Works, Engineering, and Code Enforcement, all play important roles. It is an exciting time for Waterville!

Crews are busy this Spring on a variety of projects around the City. The Public Works Department maintains approximately 350 lane miles of roads, 20 miles of sidewalks, street/traffic lights, and City buildings.

As with the Parks Dept., the early Spring has given us a jump start on Spring clean-up and Summer projects. Street sweeping and road painting is currently underway.

Annual paving projects 2021 include Marston Road and Eastern Ave. We are expecting work to begin on these roads in August.

Our Spring yard waste drop off program for Waterville residents began April 12th and runs through June 11th. Hours for drop off at the compound, 6 Wentworth Court, 7am – 4pm, Mon-Fri. We will also be open from 7am – 12pm Sat. May 8 and Sat. May 29th. (see page 4 for more detail)

The City is pleased to be partnering with the University of Maine, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, on a Consolidated Food Waste Collection Pilot program beginning late May, early June.

The program has many economical and environmental benefits. The drop off location and collection bins will be located at I Recycle, 46 Armory Rd. Please check the City's website and Facebook page FMI.

And finally, on behalf of the City, we would like to thank the South End Neighborhood Association (SENA) for initiating and raising funds for the installation of 24 American flags to be hung on poles along Silver St. We are excited and proud to be a part of this project. Flags will be up before Memorial Day.

Please contact Public Works

at 207-680-4744 or

pw@waterville-me.gov

with all inquiries

What does Code Enforcement Do?

The City of Waterville Code Enforcement Office is responsible for ensuring that all construction undertaken in the City adheres to applicable building codes, and enforces local ordinances associated with land use.



Property Maintenance

The City of Waterville's Property Maintenance Ordinance sets minimum standards for the maintenance of structures and yard areas to protect public health and safety, property values, and to prevent nuisance conditions. Please ensure that your property is free of refuse, household trash, junk, debris, scrap lumber or metal, inoperable machinery, or parts thereof, glass, unused or inoperable appliances, worn or unused furniture and two or more unregistered, or uninspected vehicle(s). (See *City of Waterville Property Maintenance Ordinance, Section II*)



Residential Fencing

Walls or fences not exceeding six (6) feet in height may be erected on property lines in residential zones, subject to the criteria for corner clearances found in Section 4.3.1.D (16) of the City of Waterville Zoning Ordinance. No permit is required for installation of residential fencing. However, please be sure to contact The Waterville Public Works Office (Dig Safe) at 207-680-4744 prior to installation. (See *City of Waterville Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.3.24*)



INFORMATION/REMINDERS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Home Occupations

Only those businesses which are reasonably compatible with the residential district in which they are located are permitted. Any home occupation which is accessory to and compatible with a residential use in those districts, where permitted, as a special exception shall be approved by the Code Enforcement office (See *City of Waterville Zoning Ordinance Section 4.3.14*)



Solid Waste

All waste to be collected shall be placed at the curb or on the esplanade between the sidewalk and the gutter no earlier than 5:00pm the day before and no later than 7:00am on the scheduled collection day. Empty containers shall be removed from sidewalk or curb on the same day waste is removed. (See *City of Waterville Solid Waste Ordinance, Section 1-4*)

The Keeping of Chickens

The keeping of chickens requires a permit from the Code Enforcement Office (See *City of Waterville Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.3.31*)



Construction & Renovations

Permits are required prior to the start of any construction, alteration, removal, or demolition of any and all buildings or structures within the City of Waterville and as further explained in the duly adopted Maine Uniform Building & Energy Code (MUBEC) as amended from time to time. All permits required by this ordinance shall be issued by the Code Enforcement Office. (See *City of Waterville Building & Electrical Permit Ordinance, Section 1-2*)



Signs

All permanent and temporary signage (Including lawn sales and "feather flags") require approval and permitting from the Code Enforcement Office prior to installation. (See *City of Waterville Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.3.26*)

New Energy Code Provisions

All new construction permitted after June 30th, 2021 is subject to the provisions of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code. Please contact the Code Enforcement Office with any questions.



Please contact the Code Enforcement Office at 207-680-4231 or

dbradstreet@waterville-me.gov with all inquiries



CITY HALL

One Common Street, Waterville, ME 04901
207-680-4200 | Fax: 207-680-4249

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday—Friday | 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER

Stephen Daly

MAYOR

J. Coelho

CITY COUNCIL

Michael Morris (Ward 1)

Flavia Oliveira (Ward 2)

Thomas Klepach (Ward 3)

Rebecca Green (Ward 4)

Richard Foss (Ward 5)

Claude Francke (Ward 6)

Erik Thomas (Ward 7)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held the first and third Tuesday of the month

7:00 p.m.

CITY DIRECTORY

Administration (207) 680-4204

Airport (207) 861-8013

Assessing (207) 680-4221

City Clerk (207) 680-4213

City Planner (207) 860-4230

Code Enforcement (207) 680-4231

Finance (207) 680-4248

Fire Department (207) 680-4735

Health & Welfare (207) 680-4227

Human Resources (207) 680-4215

City Library (207) 872-5433

Parks & Recreation (207) 680-4744

Police Department (207) 680-4700

Project Engineer (207) 860-4232

Public Works (207) 680-4744

News from HR

New Hires:

Riley Dowe—Patrol Officer (1/4/21)
Stephen Daly—City Manager (1/11/21)
Chelsey Bishop—Public Safety Dispatcher (2/1/21)
Mary-Ellen Savage—Executive Assistant (3/1/21)
Makayla Stevens—Public Safety Dispatcher (3/1/21)
Jared Dodge—Patrol Officer (4/19/21)
Dori Nadeau—Finance Clerk (5/7/21)

Welcome!



Please join me in extending warm wishes to Sgt. Dave Caron who retired on January 31, 2021 after serving more than 25 years with the department.

The City of Waterville thanks Dave for his service to our community.

For current Job openings please go to our website:

<http://www.waterville-me.gov/humanresources/current-job-openings/>



Waterville Residents – Spring Yard Waste Drop Off

The Waterville Public Works Department will be providing yard waste drop off for Waterville residents beginning **APRIL 12TH** to **JUNE 11TH**. Hours will be M-F 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. Residents can bring their yard waste such as leaves, garden trimmings, downed tree branches (less than 6" diameter) and grass clippings to the Public Works facility located at 6 Wentworth Court. **The drop off site will also be open from 7:00 AM – Noon on Saturday – April 24th, May 8th and May 29th.**

For resident's convenience throughout the summer season, a yard waste container for compostable materials (garden produce, lawn clippings, pine needles, etc.) will be available . . . **no brush will be accepted after June 11th.**

*This drop off is for **RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE ONLY**
Please - No Contractors - No Selectively Cut Trees*

~ For Further Information, contact Public Works at 680-4744 ~